

REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed January 31, 2006, claims 11, 16, 18, 21, 26, 28, 31 and 32 have been amended and claims 15 and 25 have been canceled. Claims 11-14, 16-24 and 26-32 are pending.

In paragraph 2 on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 11, 12, 14, 19-22, 24 and 29-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Carey. In paragraph 4 on page 4 of the Office Action, claims 13 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carey in view of routine experimentation..

However, in paragraph 6 on page 5 of the Office Action, claims 15-18 and 25-28 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claims to overcome the rejections. More specifically, Applicant has amended claims 11, 21, 31 and 32 to include the language recited in the objected to claims. Applicant respectfully submits that Carey and routine experimentation, alone or in combination, fails to disclose, teach or suggest Applicant's invention as recited in the amended claims.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested.

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